

In the Abstract

Please substitute the following amended Abstract for the Abstract as currently pending (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

The invention relates to an adapter for coupling a laser ~~machining treatment~~ device [[(1)]] to an object [[(2)]] for ~~machining treatment~~, whereby said the adapter [[(12)]] has an input side [[(21)]], which may be fixed relative to the laser ~~machining treatment~~ device [[(1)]], by ~~means of~~ a locking mechanism [[(H)]] and which may be fixed to the object [[(2)]], for alignment of the object [[(2)]] relative to the laser ~~machining treatment~~ device [[(1)]]. A scanned laser beam [[(4)]] is introduced on the input side [[(21)]], from the laser ~~machining treatment~~ device [[(1)]], along a beam path to the object [[(2)]] with a reference structure [[(24)]]. The reference structure [[(24)]] lies on the beam path of the adapter [[(12)]] and may be optically detected by means of the laser beam [[(4)]] scanned over the region.